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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRC REPRESENTATION

REF: SUVA 0153

1. PRC AMBASSADOR MI KUO CHUN DECLINED AT LAST MOMENT
ATTEND EMBASSY INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION. AS IF READING
FROM PREPARED NOTE, PRC EMBOFF REPLYING TO INVITATION SAID
"DUE TO STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES,
AMBASSADOR MI WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND YOUR RECEPTION."

2. DURING EARLIER ICE-BREAKING CALL ON MI, I WAS RECEIVED
VERY CORDIALLY BY AMBASSADOR AND EVER-PRESENT INTERPRETER.
(IT IS CLEAR FROM MANNER IN WHICH HE INTERPRETED MY
REMARKS THAT MI SPEAKS ENGLISH.) FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED
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FROM DISCUSSION:

A. SOVIETS. MI'S CHIEF PREOCCUPATION CLEARLY WAS WITH
SOVIET PLANS IN AREA. HE QUESTIONED ME CLOSELY ON USSR
APPROACHES TO GOF ON OPENING EMBASSY HERE, AND ON SOVIET
AID INITIATIVES IN SOUTH PACIFIC. HE WARNED THAT U.S.
MUST BE CAUTIOUS OF DETENTE, REMARKING, "GIVE

THEM INCH, THEY WILL TAKE AFOOT." MAKING AWKWARD JEST, AMB. REMARKED, "IF RUSSIANS COME HERE, YOU WILL HAVE COLLEAGUES WITH WHOM TO NEGOTIATE." MI ALSO WARNED, "SOVIETS TRYING TO TAKE OVER AFRICA. IT IS GOOD THAT FRIENDS PROTECTED ZAIRE FROM RUSSIAN MERCENARIES."

B. AID TO FIJI. I DISCUSSED U.S. PEACE CORPS CONTRIBUTION TO FIJI DEVELOPMENT, AND TO OTHER ISLAND ECONOMIES. WHEN I QUERIED MI ON PRC PLANS FOR AID, AMB. CAUTIOUSLY REPLIED THAT IT DEPENDS ON NEEDS AND PRC'S LIMITED MEANS.

C. PRC MARINE INTERESTS. AMB. ASSERTED PRC HAS NO INTERESTS IN EXPLOITING SOUTH PACIFIC MARINE RESOURCES, NOTING THAT COASTAL FISHERIES SUPPLY ALL OF PRC NEEDS. HE POINTEDLY REMARKED THAT SOVIETS SCOURING AREA TO "EXPLOIT NATIONAL FISHERIES." ON LOS, MI STATED, "WE SUPPORT G-77 POSITIONS."

D. BIOGRAPHIC. IN ADDITION SPARSE BIO DETAILS REFTEL, MI ADDED THAT HE HAS SERVED IN VIENNA, IS AN ENGINEER BY TRAINING, ENTERED DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1949. HE CLAIMED, WITH PLEASED EMPHASIS, TO HAVE MET PRESIDENT FORD WHILE SERVING IN TOKYO.

3. COMMENT: LAST MINUTE REJECTION OF FIRST INVITATION WE HAVE PROFFERED PRC REP HERE INDICATES MI ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS, WHICH PROBABLY REFLECTED RECENT CONFIDENTIAL

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HARDENING OF PRC POSITION ON TAIWAN. APPARENT ABSORPTION THROUGHOUT MY CALL WITH SOVIET OVERTURES IN AREA, ONCE AGAIN POINTS UP LIKELIHOOD THAT PRC PRESENCE PRIMARILY REACTIVE. FLANEGIN

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